



American Autoimmune

Related Diseases Association, Inc.

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A nonprofit association bringing a national focus to autoimmunity, the major cause of chronic diseases

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- Lupus
- Type 1 Diabetes
- Scleroderma
- Multiple Sclerosis
- Crohn's Disease
- Autoimmune Hepatitis
- Rheumatoid Arthritis
- Graves' Disease
- Myasthenia Gravis
- Myositis
- Antiphospholipid (APS) Syndrome
- Sjogren's Syndrome
- Uveitis
- Pernicious Anemia
- Raynaud's Phenomenon
- CREST Syndrome
- Autoimmune Vasculitis
- Demyelinating Neuropathies
- Ankylosing Spondylitis
- Hashimoto's Thyroiditis
- Wegener's
- Pemphigoid Diseases

The Honorable John D. Dingell
U. S. House of Representatives
2328 Rayburn Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Dingell:

The American Autoimmune Related Diseases Association would like to show our support for HR 2563, the Patient's Bill of Rights. We feel that it is most important as a protection for patients' rights, particularly in the ever-changing health care industry. This bill will go a long way in protecting those rights.

While we are especially concerned about the 50 million Americans who suffer from autoimmune diseases, such as lupus, MS, Crohn's disease, psoriasis, vasculitis, rheumatoid arthritis, and vitiligo, we know that our country as a whole will benefit from the passage of this bill.

Thank you for your continuing efforts on behalf of your own constituents as well all of the other people who benefit from your work.

Sincerely,

Virginia T. Ladd
President and Executive Director